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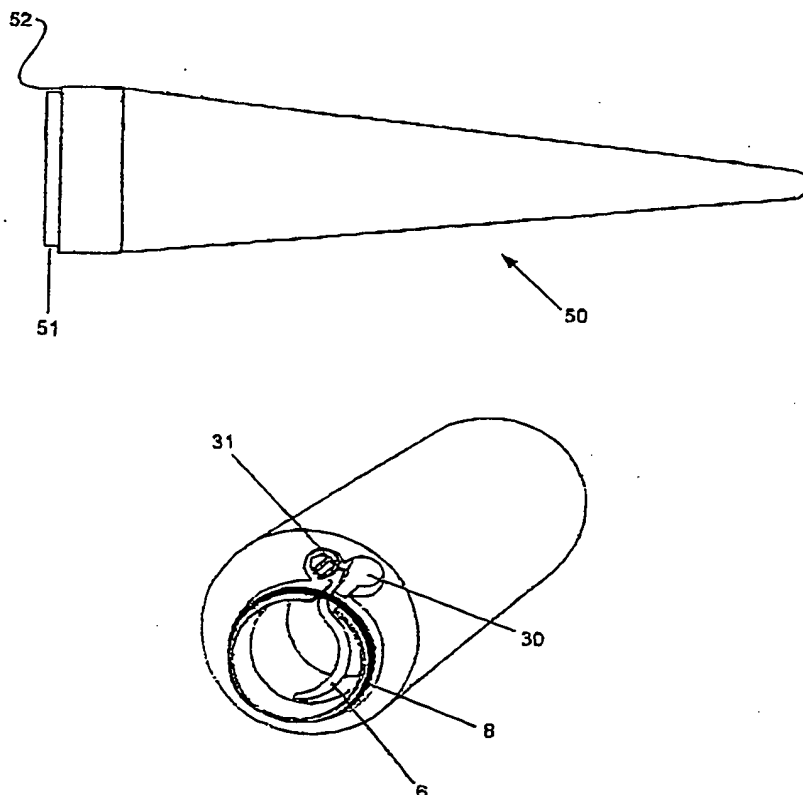
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTERMINATION OF PESTS



(57) Abstract: An extermination device for exterminating pests includes a holder, trigger mechanism (6) and a resilient ring (8) mounted on the holder. When a pest actuates the trigger mechanism (6), the ring (8) is released from the holder onto the pest, thereby killing the pest in a humane manner. A cover may be provided to protect the trigger mechanism (6) from dirt and animals larger than target pest size. A loading device (50) having a tapering body adapted to allow a resilient ring (8) to be expanded from the narrow end to the wide end of the tapering body, wherein the wide end includes a formation (51, 52) adapted to engage with a holder of an extermination device.

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